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DOT-E 6517
(SIXTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: January 31, 2003

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Taylor-Wharton
Huntsville, Alabama
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS:
 - a. This exemption authorizes the manufacture, mark, sale and use of non-DOT specification welded steel cylinders conforming with all regulations applicable to a DOT specification 4BW, except as specified herein, for the transportation in commerce of acetylene. This exemption provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulation (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this exemption only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR §§ 173.303(a), 174.3, 176.3 and 177.801 in that non-DOT specification cylinders are not authorized except as specified herein.
5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of Taylor-Wharton dated February 16, 2001, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Proper Shipping Name/ Hazardous Material Description	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Acetylene, dissolved	2.1	UN1001	n/a

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7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

PACKAGING - Packagings prescribed are non-DOT specification steel cylinders which are in conformance with DOT Specification 4BW (§§ 178.35 and 178.61) except as follows:

(i) Each cylinder must comply with §§ 178.35(b) and 178.35(e) except that paragraph 178.35(b)(1) does not apply. Each cylinder must also comply with §§ 178.60(g)(2), 178.60(p) and 178.60(q). Cylinders must have a service pressure of 250 psig. Heads concave to pressure must have a minimum thickness equal to required thickness of the sidewall. Heads convex to pressure must have a minimum thickness equal to 2.5 times the required thickness of the sidewall. A round out pressure must be applied prior to the official test prescribed in § 178.61(i). Test pressure must be at least three times the service pressure and the minimum burst pressure must be six times the service pressure. Cylinders having outside diameters greater than 5 inches must have a minimum wall thickness of 0.087 inch. The wall stress must be calculated by the formula described in § 178.61(f)(4):

$$S = 3P(1.3D^2 + 0.4d^2)/[E(D^2 - d^2)]$$

(ii) Cylinders may not be identified as DOT-4BW and, instead, each one must be marked "DOT-E 6517." The applicable portion of the inspector's report must be so noted.

(iii) Only those cylinders that comply with the specifications, calculations, and test data submitted by the petitioner in support of the petition dated May 18, 1971, and as further provided herein, including the 12-inch diameter cylinder, are qualified under the terms of this exemption. Tests to qualify cylinders of any new design that differs from the above (e.g., change in diameter, length, volume, ends, etc.) must satisfy the following, and the results thereof must be submitted to the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemption and Approvals (OHMEA):

(a) Cycle test data, 20,000 cycles.

(b) Permanent deformation measurements on heads convex to pressure as a result of cycle tests.

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(c) Burst tests.

(d) Hydrostatic test result comparison to existing cylinder models.

(e) Drawings.

(iv) No new construction authorized after July 15, 1978.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. In accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (b) of § 173.22a, persons may use the packaging authorized by this exemption for the transportation of the hazardous materials specified in paragraph 6, only in conformance with the terms of this exemption.

b. A person who is not a holder of this exemption, but receives a package covered by this exemption, may reoffer it for transportation provided no modifications or changes are made to the package and it is offered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.

c. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

d. Each packaging manufactured under the authority of this exemption must be marked with a registration symbol designated by the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals for a specific manufacturing facility.

e. Packages specified herein marked "SP-6517" prior to November 24, 1976, may be transported under the terms of this exemption.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each cargo vessel used to transport packages covered by this exemption.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:

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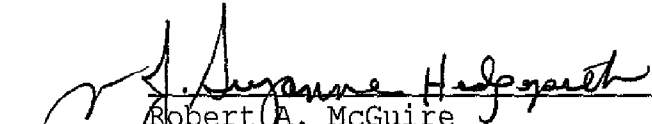
- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, Parts 171-180.
- o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this exemption must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this exemption, including display of its number, when the exemption has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (Sections 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must also inform the AAHMS, in writing, as soon as practicable of any incidents involving the package and shipments made under this exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.


Robert A. McGuire
Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety

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Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.
Attention: DHM-31.

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